

UTILITIES DIVISION[199]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.4, 476.2, 476.8, 476.9 and 476.18, the Utilities Board (Board) gives notice that on August 23, 2017, the Board issued an order in Docket No. RMU-2016-0024, In re: Review of Accounting Rules [199 IAC Chapter 16], “Order Adopting Amendments,” amending the Board’s Chapter 16 accounting rules.

The Board is undertaking a comprehensive review of its rules and, as part of that review, is attempting to make the rules more readable, streamline reporting requirements in the rules, ensure the rules are current, and transition away from providing forms within the rules. The intent of these amendments is to promote ease of access for those interacting with the Board.

The specific amendments adopted by the Board remove outdated language related to telegraph utilities and language related to initial filing requirements at the time rule 199—16.7(476) was first implemented.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the June 21, 2017, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 3121C**. The Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, filed a statement of position stating it has no objection to the changes. No other party filed comments. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The order approving this Adopted and Filed rule making can be found on the Board’s Electronic Filing System Web site, <http://efs.iowa.gov>, in Docket No. RMU-2016-0024.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Board concludes that the amendments will not have a detrimental effect on jobs in Iowa.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 476.1, 476.2, 476.8, 476.9, 476.18, and 546.7.

These amendments will become effective October 18, 2017.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve rule **199—16.6(476)**.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 199—16.7(476) as follows:

199—16.7(476) Filing of ~~present~~ promotional practices.

16.7(1) Each public utility subject to rate regulation shall file with the board ~~within 60 days of the effective date of this rule a schedule setting forth each of the promotional practices in which engaged as defined in the board’s uniform systems of accounts~~ written documentation describing any proposed new promotional practice as defined in the board’s uniform system of accounts no less than 30 days prior to the practice’s expected implementation. All practices for which the costs are to be charged to account 424 (electric and gas) ~~or 31.324 (telephone)~~ shall be set forth. The accounts currently being charged with these practices shall be so listed. The company shall show the following data for each promotional practice.

- ~~1.~~ a. The name, number, or letter designation of each such promotional practice.
- ~~2.~~ b. The class of persons to which such promotional practice is being offered or granted.
- ~~3.~~ c. Whether such promotional practice is being uniformly offered or granted to the persons within such class.
- ~~4.~~ d. A description of such promotional practice, which shall include a statement of the terms and conditions governing same.
- ~~5.~~ e. A description of the advertising or publicity employed with respect to such promotional practice.
- ~~6.~~ f. If such promotional practice is offered or granted, in whole or in part, by an affiliate or other person, the identity of such affiliate or person and the nature of such party’s participation shall be disclosed.
- ~~7.~~ g. The expiration date of the practice, if known, or an estimated date.

8. h. Other information relevant to a complete understanding of such promotional practice.

9. i. The date or estimated date of the beginning of such promotional practices.

~~Any promotional practice proposed subsequent to the initial listing outlined above shall be described in writing by the utility and such documentation provided the board no less than 30 days prior to its expected implementation.~~

~~16.7(1) Annual report. Rescinded IAB 11/6/96, effective 12/11/96.~~

16.7(2) Any promotional practice, or program which includes a promotional practice, designed to develop or implement programs that promote energy efficiency and are part of the utility's energy efficiency plan developed pursuant to ~~199 IAC 35~~ 199—Chapter 35 shall be deemed not to be a promotional practice for purposes of this rule and shall be exempt from the requirements of this rule.

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